Expansion and repairing of railway stations

*231. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan under their consideration to expand and repair some of the railway stations region-wise in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the names of stations included for the purpose in Maharashtra, during 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) what are the broad outlines of this plan and the time by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) what are the budget estimates provided for repairing and expansion in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Railways are undertaking expansion and repairs of Railway stations depending on the traffic needs and condition of the building. There is also a scheme to develop model stations on a planned basis.

(b) Names of model stations in Maharashtra State are Akola, Bombay VT Pune, Nagpur, Sholapur, Nanded, Gondia and Bombay Central.

(c) The works are being taken up on a programmed basis depending on the traffic requirements, condition of buildings and availablity of funds.

(d) Separate funds are not earmarked for such works. The funds allotted for the year 1986-87 under passenger amenities for the zonal Railways serving Maharashtra are given below:

	(In crores)
Central Railway . . .	1 36
Western Railway . . .	1 00
South Central Rly. . . .	0 89
South Eastern Rly. . . .	1.07

Upgrading of Shillong airport and its linking with helicopter services

*232. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the Shillong airport in he near future;

(b) whether Government also propose to connect Shillong with helicopter service to the rest of the State capitals and Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh, of the North east Region; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) Helicopters being acquired by the Helicopter Corporation of India will primarily cater to the transportation needs of the Oil Sector. Helicopters are being offered to State Governments/ Union Territories, on wet-lease in the first instance, with high priority to the North-East, so the stations to be airlinked and the pattern of operations etc. will be decided by the State Governments/Union Territories.

Number of nurses in Delhi hospitals

*233. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of nurses in each of the Government hospitals in Delhi and what is their actual strength, hospital-wise, including AIIMS; and

(b) what is the number of posts of nurses lying vacant till date and what steps are being taken in this regard?